

# TWENTY-FOURTH DAY

(Wednesday, February 21, 1951)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President pro tempore.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Lock
Ashley	Martin
Bell	McDonald
Bracewell	Moffett
Bullock	Moore
Carney	Nokes
Carter	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Russell
Fuller	Shofner
Hardeman	Strauss
Hazlewood	Tynan
Kelley of Hidalgo	Vick
Kelly of Tarrant	Wagonseller
Lane	

Absent—Excused

Hudson Weinert

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

## Leaves of Absence

Senator Weinert was granted leave of absence for today on account of illness on motion of Senator Strauss.

Senator Hudson was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Carney.

## Message From the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas,  
February 21, 1951.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

H. B. No. 118, The House has concurred in Senate amendments to House Bill No. 118 by vote of 125 ayes, 0 noes.

H. B. No. 24, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that all counties within this State having a population in excess of twenty thousand (20,000) inhabitants and less than twenty-one thousand (21,000) inhabitants and an assessed valuation of at least \$50,000,000, may upon an order made by its Commissioners' Court for this purpose provide and maintain a County Law Library; and that such Library may upon an order made by said Commissioners' Court be maintained and supported by a trial fee to be assessed and collected in all cases filed in the County and District Courts of said Counties, said fee not to exceed the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar for each case filed and granting to said Commissioners' Court the power and authority to establish and maintain said Law Library as a County Library at the county seat of said counties; and declaring an emergency."

S. C. R. No. 27, Designating the month of May as "Jury Service Month."

S. C. R. No. 25, Appointing a Poet Laureate of the State of Texas, etc.; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act to clarify and amend the Laws of Texas relating to Optometry, by amending Articles 4561, 4562, 4565 and 4565a of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended, and Article 735 of the Penal Code of Texas, 1925; providing for registration and display of license; prescribing examination fee and renewal fee and disbursement thereof; defining terms; specifying acts constituting penal offenses in connection with the practice of Optometry and providing penalty therefor; declaring legislative intent; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act and declaring that the remainder of the Act shall not be affected by the unconstitutionality of any part thereof; and declaring an emergency."

H. J. R. No. 5, Ratifying House Joint Resolution No. 27 of the Eightieth Congress of the United States of America at the First Session, begun and held at the City of Washington on Friday, the Third day January, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-seven, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the

United States, relating to the terms of office of the President.

Respectfully submitted,  
CLARENCE JONES,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

#### Senate Resolution 54

Senator Hardeman offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Hon. Houston Smith, County Judge of Crockett County, Texas, is a visitor in Austin and is in the Capitol today, and

Whereas, It is the desire of the Senate to recognize this distinguished lawyer and jurist for his many years of faithful public service to his County and State; now, therefore be it

Resolved, By the Senate of Texas, that Judge Smith be extended a welcome to the Capitol and that he be extended the courtesies of the Senate floor today.

HARDEMAN,  
HUDSON.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

#### Senate Resolution 55

Senator Hardeman offered the following resolution:

Whereas, There is visiting in the Capitol today a former distinguished member of this body who was recognized for his ability and leadership in various phases of legislative and parliamentary proceedings, and

Whereas, This great Texan has served his County, State and nation with distinction in civilian affairs, as well as in military service, and

Whereas, It is the desire of the Senate to recognize the presence of the Hon. Fred (Red) Harris of Dallas, Texas, in our midst today; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate of Texas, that Hon. Fred (Red) Harris be extended a cordial welcome to the Capitol and that he be extended the courtesies of the Senate floor today and further that he be invited to give the members of the Senate the benefit of a few pearls of wisdom.

HARDEMAN  
VICK  
LANE  
PARKHOUSE

Signed — Ben Ramsey, Lieutenant Governor; Aikin, Ashley, Bell, Brace-

well, Bullock, Carney, Carter, Colson, Corbin, Fuller, Hazlewood, Hudson, Kelley of Hidalgo, Kelly of Tarrant, Lock, Martin, McDonald, Moffett, Moore, Nokes, Phillips, Russell, Shofner, Strauss, Tynan, Wagonseller, Weinert.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Strauss, the names of the Lieutenant Governor and all the Senators were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

The resolution was adopted.

Accordingly, the President pro tempore appointed the following committee to escort the Honorable Fred Harris to the President's stand: Senators Hardeman, Parkhouse and Vick.

The President pro tempore presented Senator Parkhouse and Senator Parkhouse introduced the Honorable Fred (Red) Harris, former Senator from Dallas County. Mr. Harris then addressed the Senate briefly, commending and congratulating it for the work done and expressing appreciation for the opportunity of being in the Senate again.

#### Senate Resolution 56

Senator Phillips offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Houston Chamber of Commerce and the Houston Fat Stock Show Association made it possible for the members of the Senate to witness their outstanding show and exhibits; and

Whereas, The members of the Senate who attended this show had a wonderful time and an exceptionally enjoyable trip; and

Whereas, The hospitality of the citizens of the City of Houston was most gracious and exceptionally good; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Senate thank the Houston Chamber of Commerce and the Houston Fat Stock Show Association and all others responsible for making this trip possible; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the proper authorities responsible for this most enjoyable trip.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

**Reports of Standing Committees**

Senator Lock submitted the following report:

Austin, Texas,  
February 21, 1951.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Interstate Cooperation, to whom was referred S. C. R. No. 18, have had the same under consideration, and we are instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

LOCK, Chairman.

Senator Hazlewood submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,  
February 21, 1951.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence to whom was referred S. B. No. 93, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HAZLEWOOD, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
February 21, 1951.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence to whom was referred S. B. No. 94, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HAZLEWOOD, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
February 21, 1951.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence to whom was referred S. B. No. 207, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HAZLEWOOD, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
February 21, 1951.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence to whom was referred

S. B. No. 210, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HAZLEWOOD, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
February 21, 1951.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence to whom was referred S. B. No. 211, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

HAZLEWOOD, Chairman.

Senator Carney submitted the following reports:

Austin, Texas,  
February 21, 1951.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Game and Fish, to whom was referred H. B. No. 137, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

CARNEY, Chairman.

Austin, Texas,  
February 21, 1951.

Hon. Ben Ramsey, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Game and Fish, to whom was referred S. B. No. 205, have the the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

CARNEY, Chairman.

**Senate Bills on First Reading**

The following bills were introduced, read severally first time and referred to the committees indicated:

By Senator Strauss:

S. B. No. 244, A bill to be entitled "An Act directing the Texas National Guard Armory Board to sell certain land in Harris County, Texas, to the highest bidder for cash; providing for notice of sale; providing for rejection of bids; and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Senator Vick:

S. B. No. 245, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 658, Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, Acts 1913, page 278; amended, Acts 1931, Forty-second Legislature, page 65, Chapter 43, paragraph 5, so as to require the giving of a written charge in the trial of certain misdemeanors specifying the extent and effect of the objections made to the charge; repealing Articles 662 and 663, Chapter 5, page 430, Vernon's Texas Statutes, Code of Criminal Procedure; and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Vick:

S. B. No. 246, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 659, Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, Acts 1913, page 278, relating to special requested instructions in criminal cases; their purpose and effect; and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Vick:

S. B. No. 247, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 667, Chapter 5, page 430, Vernon's Texas Statutes, Code of Criminal Procedure, relating to bills of exception in a criminal case, by adding thereto a new section relating to such bills of exception, contents, and purpose; and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Parkhouse:

S. B. No. 248, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 355, Acts of 1945, 49th Legislature, Regular Session, as amended by Chapter 457, Acts of 1947, 50th Legislature, Regular Session, so as to authorize Dallas County Flood Control District to issue bonds and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on Water Rights, Irrigation and Drainage.

#### House Concurrent Resolution 26

On motion of Senator Kelly of Tarrant, and by unanimous consent, the President pro tempore laid before the Senate for consideration at this time the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 26, Urging the members of the House of Representatives

and Senators representing Texas in the Congress of the United States to resist legislation setting up socialized medicine or compulsory health insurance.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### House Bill 101 on Second Reading

Senator Fuller moved that Senate Rule 116 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended and that H. B. No. 101 be taken up for consideration at this time.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—28

Aikin	Lock
Ashley	Martin
Bell	McDonald
Bracewell	Moffett
Bullock	Moore
Carney	Nokes
Carter	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Russell
Fuller	Shofner
Hardeman	Strauss
Hazlewood	Tynan
Kelly of Tarrant	Vick
Lane	Wagonseller

Absent

Kelley of Hidalgo

Absent—Excused

Hudson

Weinert

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate on its second reading and passage to third reading:

H. B. No. 101, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating the creation, organization, and existence of all port districts and navigation districts operating public ports; ratifying taxes assessed and levied by or on behalf of such, etc.; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

#### House Bill 101 on Third Reading

Senator Fuller moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that H. B. No. 101 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—28

Aikin	Lock
Ashley	Martin
Bell	McDonald
Bracewell	Moffett
Bullock	Moore
Carney	Nokes
Carter	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Russell
Fuller	Shofner
Hardeman	Strauss
Hazlewood	Tynan
Kelly of Tarrant	Vick
Lane	Wagonseller

Absent

Kelley of Hidalgo

Absent—Excused

Hudson Weinert

The President pro tempore then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—28

Aikin	Lock
Ashley	Martin
Bell	McDonald
Bracewell	Moffett
Bullock	Moore
Carney	Nokes
Carter	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Russell
Fuller	Shofner
Hardeman	Strauss
Hazlewood	Tynan
Kelly of Tarrant	Vick
Lane	Wagonseller

Absent

Kelley of Hidalgo

Absent—Excused

Hudson Weinert

#### Senate Resolution 57

Senator Shofner offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Senate is honored today by having in its midst a distinguished visitor in the person of Truman Roberts, the County Attorney of Hamilton County, and

Whereas, Prosecutor Roberts is serving his State and County well and ably, and

Whereas, The Senate is glad to have him with us; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of Texas extend a welcome to the said Truman Roberts, and extends to him the privilege of the floor for the day.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

#### House Concurrent Resolution 15 on Second Reading

Senator Kelly of Tarrant moved that Senate Rule 116 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended and that H. C. R. No. 15 be taken up for consideration at this time.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yes—28

Aikin	Lock
Ashley	Martin
Bell	McDonald
Bracewell	Moffett
Bullock	Moore
Carney	Nokes
Carter	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Russell
Fuller	Shofner
Hardeman	Strauss
Hazlewood	Tynan
Kelly of Tarrant	Vick
Lane	Wagonseller

Absent

Kelley of Hidalgo

Absent—Excused

Hudson Weinert

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate on its second reading and passage to third reading:

H. C. R. No. 15, Granting permission to J. H. Hackney to sue the State of Texas, in proper court in Tarrant County.

The resolution was read second time and was passed to third reading.

#### House Concurrent Resolution 15 on Third Reading

Senator Kelly of Tarrant moved that the constitutional rule requiring resolutions to be read on three several

days be suspended and that H. C. R. No. 15 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

## Yeas—28

Aikin	Lock
Ashley	Martin
Bell	McDonald
Bracewell	Moffett
Bullock	Moore
Carney	Nokes
Carter	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Russell
Fuller	Shofner
Hardeman	Strauss
Hazlewood	Tynan
Kelly of Tarrant	Vick
Lane	Wagonseller

## Absent

Kelley of Hidalgo

## Absent—Excused

Hudson                      Weinert

The President pro tempore then laid the resolution before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The resolution was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

## Yeas—28

Aikin	Lock
Ashley	Martin
Bell	McDonald
Bracewell	Moffett
Bullock	Moore
Carney	Nokes
Carter	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Russell
Fuller	Shofner
Hardeman	Strauss
Hazlewood	Tynan
Kelly of Tarrant	Vick
Lane	Wagonseller

## Absent

Kelley of Hidalgo

## Absent—Excused

Hudson                      Weinert

## House Bill 20 on Second Reading

Senator Bell moved that Senate Rule 116 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended and that H. B. No. 20 be taken up for consideration at this time.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

## Yeas—28

Aikin	Lock
Ashley	Martin
Bell	McDonald
Bracewell	Moffett
Bullock	Moore
Carney	Nokes
Carter	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Russell
Fuller	Shofner
Hardeman	Strauss
Hazlewood	Tynan
Kelly of Tarrant	Vick
Lane	Wagonseller

## Absent

Kelley of Hidalgo

## Absent—Excused

Hudson                      Weinert

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate on its second reading and passage to third reading:

H. B. No. 20, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring Communists and knowing members of Communist Front Organizations to register with the Department of Public Safety; providing that neither the names of nominees of the Communist Party nor the names of Communists shall appear upon the ballots in primary or general elections; providing that probable Communists and knowing members of Communist Front Organizations shall not hold non-elective positions or job; outlawing sabotage; defining terms; providing criminal penalties; containing a short title; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

## House Bill 20 on Third Reading

Senator Bell moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that H. B. No. 20 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

## Yeas—28

Aikin	Bracewell
Ashley	Bullock
Bell	Carney

Carter	Moffett
Colson	Moore
Corbin	Nokes
Fuller	Parkhouse
Hardeman	Phillips
Hazlewood	Russell
Kelly of Tarrant	Shofner
Lane	Strauss
Lock	Tynan
Martin	Vick
McDonald	Wagonseller

**Absent**

Kelley of Hidalgo

**Absent—Excused**

Hudson                      Weinert

The President pro tempore then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

**Yeas—28**

Aikin	Lock
Ashley	Martin
Bell	McDonald
Bracewell	Moffett
Bullock	Moore
Carney	Nokes
Carter	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Russell
Fuller	Shofner
Hardeman	Strauss
Hazlewood	Tynan
Kelly of Tarrant	Vick
Lane	Wagonseller

**Absent**

Kelley of Hidalgo

**Absent—Excused**

Hudson                      Weinert

**Resolutions Signed**

The President pro tempore announced the signing, in the presence of the Senate, after the captions had been read, the following enrolled resolutions:

S. C. R. No. 23, Providing for acceptance of portrait of former Governor James Stephen Hogg.

S. C. R. No. 22, In memory of Dean H. T. Parlin.

S. C. R. No. 24, In memory of E. P. Simmons.

**House Bill 14 on Second Reading**

Senator Lane moved that Senate Rule 116 and Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended and that H. B. No. 14 be taken up for consideration at this time.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

**Yeas—25**

Aikin	Lock
Ashley	Martin
Bell	McDonald
Bracewell	Moffett
Bullock	Moore
Carney	Nokes
Carter	Phillips
Colson	Russell
Fuller	Shofner
Hardeman	Strauss
Hazlewood	Tynan
Kelly of Tarrant	Vick
Lane	

**Nays—3**

Corbin	Wagonseller
Parkhouse	

**Absent**

Kelley of Hidalgo

**Absent—Excused**

Hudson                      Weinert

The President pro tempore laid before the Senate on its second reading and passage to third reading:

H. B. No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for compensation counsel appointed pursuant to law to defend persons in criminal cases, providing for the payment of such compensation, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Senator Lane offered the following committee amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. No. 14 by striking out all below the Enacting Clause and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. Whenever the Court shall appoint one or more counsel to defend any person or persons pursuant to law in any felony case in this State, each counsel may, at the discretion of the trial judge, be paid a fee in the sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars per day for each day such appointed attorney is actually in trial.

court representing the person or persons he has been appointed to represent. Provided, further, that in all cases wherein a bonafide appeal is actually prosecuted to a final conclusion, each appointed counsel may be paid Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars for said appeal. The fee allowed counsel shall be paid by the County wherein such trial is held and such sum to be paid from County funds.

Section 2. No such allowance shall be made unless an affidavit is filed with the Clerk of the Court by the defendant showing that he is wholly destitute of means to provide counsel, and that he has not been released on bail bond.

Second 3. The fact that there is no law providing for the payment of counsel appointed to defend persons too poor to employ counsel in criminal cases created an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each House be, and the same is hereby suspended; and this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

The committee amendment was adopted by the following vote:

#### Yeas—24

Aikin	Lane
Ashley	Lock
Bell	Martin
Bracewell	McDonald
Bullock	Moffett
Carney	Nokes
Carter	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Fuller	Russell
Hardeman	Shofner
Hazlewood	Strauss
Kelly of Tarrant	Tynan

#### Nays—4

Corbin	Vick
Moore	Wagonseller

#### Absent

Kelley of Hidalgo

#### Absent—Excused

Hudson	Weinert
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Senator Parkhouse offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. No. 14, Com. Amd. No. 1, Sec. 1, by striking out the word "County" wherever it may appear in the last sentence thereof and

insert the word "State" in lieu thereof and by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting a comma and adding "to be taxed as costs in the case."

Question: Shall the amendment by Senator Parkhouse be adopted?

#### Executive Session

On motion of Senator Lane, and by unanimous consent, the Senate agreed to hold an executive session at 11:46 o'clock a. m. today.

Accordingly the President pro tempore directed all those not entitled to attend the executive session of the Senate to retire from the Senate Chamber and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to close all doors leading from the Chamber.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Secretary informed the Journal Clerk that the Senate had confirmed the following nominations of the Governor:

To be a member of the Board of Directors of Texas State University for Negroes to fill the unexpired term of Will Clayton, resigned, term to expire February 1, 1955:

Moss Adams, Jr., of Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches County.

To be members of the Board of Directors of the Upper Colorado River Authority for six-year term to expire January 1, 1957:

L. T. Youngblood of Bronte, Coke County;

Henry C. Ragsdale of San Angelo, Tom Green County;

Rufus W. Foster of Sterling City, Sterling County.

To be members of the Board of Directors of the Central Colorado River Authority for six-year terms to expire January 1, 1957:

Leroy Stockard of Santa Anna, Coleman County;

O. L. Cheaney of Santa Anna, Coleman County;

Frank Hudson of Novice, Coleman County.

To be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Teacher Retirement System to fill unexpired term of Dr. J. W. Edgar, resigned, term to expire August 31, 1953:

C. O. Chandler of Orange, Orange County.



The Secretary also informed the Journal Clerk, that the Senate had confirmed the following appointment of the Legislative Audit Committee:

To be State Auditor of the State of Texas for the two-year term expiring February 15, 1953:

C. H. Cavness, Austin, Travis County.

#### In Legislative Session

The President pro tempore called the Senate to order as in legislative session at 11:58 o'clock a. m. today.

#### House Bills on First Reading

The following bills received from the House today, were read first time and referred to the committees indicated:

H. B. No. 24—To Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

H. B. No. 18—To Committee on Public Health.

H. J. R. No. 5—To Committee on State Affairs.

#### Adjournment

On motion of Senator Nokes, the Senate at 12:01 o'clock p. m. adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

### TWENTY-FIFTH DAY

(Thursday, February 22, 1951)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Senator Aikin.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Lock
Ashley	Martin
Bell	Moffett
Bracewell	Moore
Carney	Nokes
Carter	Parkhouse
Colson	Phillips
Corbin	Russell
Fuller	Shofner
Hardeman	Strauss
Hazlewood	Tynan
Hudson	Vick
Kelley of Hidalgo	Wagonseller
Kelly of Tarrant	Weinert
Lane	

#### Absent—Excused

Bullock

McDonald

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation.

On motion of Senator Lane, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

#### Leave of Absence

Senator McDonald was granted leave of absence for today on account of a death in family on motion of Senator Strauss.

#### Senate Resolution 58

Senator Hardeman offered the following resolution:

Whereas, By virtue of his having been unanimously chosen as President pro tempore of this Senate, a distinguished member of this body has been called upon to discharge the duties of Chief Executive of the State of Texas today; and

Whereas, Such distinction is an honor not only to the individual selected, but to the Senate as well; and

Whereas, Such service comes on the anniversary of the birthday of a great American, General George Washington, known as the Father of His Country, which adds lustre to the high office of Governor of Texas; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the Senate to recognize the high honor conferred upon our distinguished colleague, Honorable Pat Bullock of Mitchell County, Texas, who has given many years in faithful public service, and to wish him well in the discharge of those executive functions that he may be called upon to perform in his capacity as Governor of the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate of Texas, that the congratulations and best wishes of the members of the Senate be and they are hereby extended to our esteemed colleague, Honorable Pat Bullock, President pro tempore of the Senate, in the performance of the duties of the high office of Governor of the State of Texas today and that a copy of this resolution be spread upon a page of the Senate